

CITY TRUSTEES.

THEY DEPRIVE BASSETT AND TUOHY OF THEIR STREET CONTRACT.

And Give It to the Property-Owners—City Prison Supplies—The Electric Light Bids—Etc.

The City Trustees held their regular weekly session yesterday. Present—Mayor Gregory and Trustees McLaughlin and Wolf.

The Chief Engineer of the Water Works reported that during the week 19,731,850 gallons of water were pumped, the Holy pump running 168 hours.

Charles Vogel informed the Board by letter that he had signed the petition for the improvement of Twelfth street under a misapprehension.

The Board ordered that Twelfth-street property-owners be cited to appear next Monday, and show cause why that street should not be improved.

The matter of opening bids for electric lighting was on motion of the Mayor, continued two weeks, as sufficient time had not elapsed for the committee to thoroughly investigate the subject.

Trustee McLaughlin moved that the Board advertise bids for electric lighting, electric lights, for 75 electric and 200 gas lights, the bids to be opened in two weeks. So ordered.

Eli Mayo complained of the condition of the alley between J. K. Eleventh and Twelfth streets, and the matter was referred to the Health Officer.

L. C. Chandler was directed to have a new sidewalk laid in front of a piece of property on P street, between Fifth and Sixth, for which he is agent within five days.

The matter of awarding contracts for improving K street, from Twelfth to Twenty-third, and Twenty-eighth, from K to M, coming up, Claus Anderson and other property-owners appeared before the Board and remonstrated against the awarding of contracts at this time. They claimed that, owing to the bad condition of the streets for hauling material, contractors could not do the work as cheaply as they could a few months later.

After considerable discussion over the matter, the Board finally ordered that all bids be rejected, and that the time for receiving new bids be extended to March next.

Bids were opened for improving Twelfth street, from B to C, and from G to H, and the awarding of contracts thereon postponed for one week.

Bids were opened for furnishing supplies to the city prison, and were on motion of Trustee McLaughlin, referred to the Mayor and Auditor, to report thereon at the next meeting.

Bids for doing the city job printing were received from Day & Joy and A. J. Johnson & Co. These gentlemen were present, and after some discussion, the Board agreed that the matter should be left to the Trustees to formulate a schedule of prices for the various kinds of printing required, and to have the city work done wherever they pleased—to divide it up, in fact, among the various printing establishments.

Proposals for doing the city advertising for one year were received from the Record-Union and Bee. The former's bid was: Per square of six lines, each insertion, 10 cents; next two insertions, each 75 cents; every subsequent insertion, 50 cents. The latter's bid was: Per nonpareil line, first insertion, 15 cents; next four insertions, 10 cents; every subsequent insertion, 8 cents.

The bids were referred to the Mayor and Auditor—they to confer with the State Printer—and a report to be submitted at the next meeting.

A citizen residing on Q street, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth, made a plea for cross walks, saying that the streets "were in such wretched condition that children had great difficulty in reaching school."

P. E. Ray, representing property-owners on Fifteenth street, appeared before the Board to make a statement concerning the matter of the improvement of Fifteenth street. He demanded to be obliged to pay for the improvement of his portion of the property at the rate now being contracted awarded to Bassett & Tuohy last week. Mr. Ray said he had heard the charge made that a member of the Board was interested in that contract.

Each member of the Board demanded to know who the supposed member was. Mr. Ray said he did not charge it himself, but had heard it so remarked.

A communication was received from property-owners interested on Twelfth street, asking to be allowed to do the work themselves at the price contracted for by Bassett & Tuohy.

After some debate the Board decided that the property-owners should have the privilege of doing the work themselves, and that a sufficient bond be given to be commuted by the 1st of March.

Then ensued another debate between Mr. Ray and Messrs. Curtis Bros. and Tuohy, the latter persisting in the statement that his bid was regular and legal and the Board had formally awarded them the contract.

It transpired during the wrangle that "the member of the Board" whom Mr. Ray said he had heard mentioned in connection with Bassett & Tuohy's contract was Clerk McKee.

The latter indignantly denied the truth of any such imputation, and as Mr. Ray could give no authority for the statement, the Board declined to take notice of it.

Mr. Tuohy said that on the contrary he had reason to believe that there was collusion on the other side—that his firm had been excluded out of its just rights.

S. Dwyer was awarded the contract for supplying the city prison with bread at \$3.45 per 100 pounds, and for vegetables at \$4.50 per month, and H. Schumacher with meat at 5 cents per pound. Receipts till 1:30 p. m.

ARMY AND NAVY.—On reassembling in the afternoon the Board canvassed the returns of the late school election. The results were found to be the same as heretofore published.

Several bids for services, rent, etc., growing out of the election were ordered paid.

The petition of the Sacramento Transportation Company for the privilege to erect a wharf 104 ft. on the river front, below O street, was granted. The petitioners concede the right of the public to use the wharf for the discharge of wood, lumber or merchandise.

Trustee Wolf stated that he had been informed that no license was paid by the proprietor of the Comique Theater, and on his motion the Board ordered that a license be collected or the place closed.

A discussion ensued as to the necessity of devising some kind of filter for the city water. Mayor Gregory thought a filter of gravel could be constructed with comparatively little difficulty and no great expense at the mouth of the city pipes.

Trustee Wolf said he was in favor of prompt action in the matter, and at his suggestion, the Mayor was instructed to correspond with the parties using filters at Denver and Pueblo, Col.

Trustee McLaughlin brought up the subject of a new charter. Trustee Wolf wanted the matter of selecting fifteen freeholders to frame a new charter made the special order for next Monday.

Mayor Gregory thought that the Board had merely to select a day for the election, next week and the City Attorney requested to be then present.

Engineers for Mexico. A party of San Francisco engineers are going to Mexico to make estimates for bids to be offered by the River, Harbor and Canal Dredging Company of that city.

Albert Boschee, formerly of the State Engineer's office in this city, and later in command of the snagboat Seizer on the Sacramento river, will have charge of the party. Lyman I. Bridges, who lately resigned from the Government Aid Land Survey, will also go.

They Must Have Them. A telegram from Chicago yesterday stated that the Porter Bros. Company had sold for account of Webster T. Davis, of Yolo county, a carload of fancy California paper-shell almonds at twenty-two cents per pound, that being the highest price realized for paper-shell almonds in the Eastern market this season.

SIMMONS Liver Regulator cures general debility and will give you a new lease on life.

If you want anything in the musical line go to Hammer's store. Largest stock of music and musical merchandise in the city. Sole agent Chickering & Sons pianos.

MAMIE BROWN'S CASE.

The Girl is Released, but Her Mother Receives a Scorching.

The examination in the Police Court yesterday of Mamie Brown, the 17-year-old girl, who was arrested Sunday night at the instigation of her mother, turned out to be quite an interesting affair.

Mamie was accused of disturbing her mother's peace, over a week ago. Mrs. Brown took the witness stand and described the disturbance vividly. "It occurred in the morning," she said, "before breakfast. Mamie was sitting in the kitchen on the stove, and—"

"Was it a hot one?" interrupted Judge Buckner.

"No, Judge; I wanted to make a fire, and she wouldn't get off the stove for me. I called to my son, Mamie's half-brother, and he threw her off the stove. She then called me names, threw a stove-lid at me and was going to hit me with a lamp. She is not as yet, and won't be for twenty-one months yet. All I want, Judge, is to have her locked up until she is of age."

George Dunlap, the girl's half-brother, corroborated his mother's statements, but was much more bitter in his denunciations of the girl's conduct. He denied that he wanted to get Mamie out of his house, or that he might get hold of the mother's property.

Mamie then took the stand, and in answer to questions by her attorney, Frank Estabrook, related a shocking story of the neglect and ill-treatment she had received from her mother and brother. Her mother formerly kept a saloon, and there the child took her first taste of liquor, and subsequently no objection was made to her drinking her fill at any time.

The mother, said, associated with some of the lowest set women in Sacramento, and the witness went on to state that in fact, some of the women were at that very moment in Court in the company of Mrs. Brown.

The girl said it was a common thing for her to come home and find her mother and these cronies all "blind drunk" and lying upon the floor. The mother said she was a dog along, but as a rule was treated like a dog.

Referring to the stove episode related by the mother, the girl explained that she was sitting on the chair, with her feet on the hearth of the stove. Her mother came in, and without a word of warning struck her on the head with her fist, and then threw her heavily to the floor.

Judge Buckley promptly found the girl not guilty. In doing so he directed some very scathing remarks to Mrs. Brown. He referred to the foul atmosphere in which she had raised her child, and said it was her own fault if the girl was not better.

The audience cheered the Judge loudly when he had concluded his remarks.

THE WEATHER.

More Than Twice the Rainfall Than for Same Time Last Year.

The rainfall for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 o'clock last evening was 75 of an inch, making a 410 inches for this month and 137.75 for this season, as against 60.7 for a corresponding date last year.

The temperature at 5 A. M. and 5 P. M. yesterday was 50° and 54°, respectively, while the highest and lowest was 55° and 48°, as against 51° and 45° and 45° and 38° the day before.

The highest and lowest temperature one year ago to-day was 52° and 48°.

The total rainfall for the entire month of December last year was 4.63 inches. This amount was precipitated in eighteen days.

December has given us 10 inches, precipitated during nine days, showing nearly as much water to have fallen in nine rainy days as in the corresponding month of last year.

The barometer now stands (at 5 o'clock last evening) at 30.12 inches, high, that ought to presage clearing weather. But it is known from past experience that it does not always do so.

STAGE OF THE RIVER.

The river continues to rise slowly, and at 10 o'clock last night had reached 25 feet 11 inches, as shown by the Yolo bridge gauge.

The water is rising slowly. No danger was then apprehended to that section, but the people up that way did not want it to go any higher.

Should no more rain fall for a few days the river would no doubt recede rapidly. At midnight last night the sky was still clouded, but the barometer was considerably above thirty inches, indicating fair weather.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the Metropolitan Theater last night the Milton Nobles Dramatic Company appeared to a good house, when the inclemency of the weather is taken into consideration. The piece was "From Sir to Son," and is from the pen of Mr. Nobles, who has written the leading role. It is a strong drama, better than anything given here by Nobles.

It is involved in an intricate plot, but the story is clearly told. The company is a good one throughout, and its capacity accounts for the long engagement it played at the New California Theater, San Francisco.

Mr. Nobles has improved his choice of subjects, and acts with more care and better appreciation of the leading lady, and in the last act was especially strong and effective.

The audience was well pleased and heartily expressed its satisfaction. There were some very handsome scenic and mechanical effects. The play will be the last of the engagement, and the play will be "Love and Law," also written by Mr. Nobles. It is understood to be a very strong and interesting play.

The Eureka Social Club will give its annual masquerade ball at Castle Hall to-morrow evening.

Lectures to Young Men.

The Rev. A. T. Newman delivered an address last evening on the subject of the "Relationship of Employer and Employee," at the Young Men's Christian Association Hall.

He took the ground that the lot of the average retail clerk was the hardest of any workman—that more was required of him than in most other positions.

He stated that most criminals were furnished from the classes of business which required the longest hours, and cited statistics showing that 31 per cent. of criminals came from the clerks, while but 18 per cent. were from mechanics and other trades.

He stated that the long hours usually required of clerks prevented them from having time for recreation and improvement, and when they were released at night there were no good places for them to go to. He spoke highly of the largely prevailing custom of clerks, who, when they are released at night, go to the Y. M. C. A. and read, and then went on to say that, such being the case, it was the duty of employers and clerks to take the proper advantage of the situation.

The audience was a good one, considering the counter attractions and weather. This was the first of a course of popular talks to be given by the Association.

Which is Why He is Absent.

"Tough" Anderson, whom the police were after at an early hour on Friday morning and who made his escape through a street door, is still at large. He is suspected, with others, of being connected with the numerous thefts that have been committed of late, and for that reason the officers are anxious to get him.

Only the Balcony.

The continued rains had so softened the ground that the supports that held aloft the balcony surrounding Mrs. Donovan's saloon on the southwest corner of Third and I streets gave way last evening, and the balcony came down with a crash. Fortunately nobody was under it. The rest of the place still stands.

Had a Rough Trip.

Supervisors Black, Greer, Tebbets and Ross, accompanied by Road Overseer Chance and John Wyatt, went to Willow Slough yesterday for the purpose of inspecting the drainage canal. The road from Whiskey Hill to the Six-Mile House was found to be under water almost the entire distance.

Auction To-morrow.

At 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow Bell & Co. will sell, at their saleroom, 927 K street, two houses of furniture and household goods; also the remainder of a bankrupt stock, consisting of cigars, watches, clothing, albums, underwear, etc.

"It is a fact," that Hood's Sarsaparilla does cure scrofula, skin rheum, and other diseases or affections arising from impure state or low condition of the blood, over-indulgence in rich food, creates a general appetite, and gives strength to every part of the system. Try it.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Louis Goldstein leaves for the Bay on business this morning.

Mrs. E. M. Kline, of San Francisco, is at the Golden Eagle.

James E. Green, Jr., the Courtland farmer, is at the Golden Eagle.

J. Martin Barney, of Dutch Flat, has returned from a long visit to the city.

Mrs. McDonald and her daughter, of McConnell's Hotel, are at the Capital Hotel.

Sheriff Butler, D. W. Spear and George W. Richmond, of Auburn, are visiting at the Capital Hotel.

Samuel Gerson, Frank Miller, R. T. Devlin, W. E. Gierke and W. B. Miller came up from the city last night.

John S. Miller, Secretary of the Pioneer Association, is rapidly recovering from the effects of the recent injury to his hand, which resulted in blood poisoning.

O. A. Hall and A. McDonald, of San Jose, Trustees of the Hospital for the Insane at Agnew, were at the Capital yesterday in the interest of the Hospital.

Mrs. Chester Gray, who has been visiting relatives here for a couple of months, will soon return to San Francisco to occupy her new residence on Pacific Heights.

W. C. Clark, formerly of this city, but now General District Agent for the Westinghouse Electric Company of St. Louis, has been in the city for several days, where his family is residing.

Among the arrivals yesterday at the Golden Eagle Hotel was Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, the famous abolitionist, accompanied by F. E. Oakley, of San Francisco, formerly of this city.

Arrivals at the Capital Hotel yesterday: W. E. Brown, Sacramento; L. R. Willard, Thos. Hunter, E. T. Martineau, E. J. Martineau, New York; W. C. Miller, E. J. Martineau, Allen Towle, F. W. Whitte, Towles; George W. Richmond, Auburn; Geo. Richmond, San Francisco; H. A. Kellum, San Francisco; A. C. Land, Fresno.

Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: M. Buse, New York; A. Lisenberger, South Bend; James E. Green, Jr., Courtland; A. W. Burnett, Los Angeles; H. Gale and wife, Mich. Milton Nobles and wife, New York; A. M. King and son, Wash. W. Dunlap, H. Denon, Avon; Julia Ward Howe, F. E. Oakley, Newport; George Oakley, H. H. Haskins, San Francisco; Ben F. Lowe, Chicago; H. D. Cleten, New York; T. S. Nichols, Mrs. C. Mason Kenzie, James F. Smith, San Francisco.

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The wedding was attended by relatives and friends, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. J. F. Small, of San Francisco, and the bride Miss Mary A. Baney, of the same place.

THE GENERAL FUND.

The general fund in the State Treasury. The general fund in the State Treasury, from which is paid the salaries of the State officials and the appropriations made by the Legislature, has been in an almost exhausted condition since last August, and will be in such condition until about January, when the fund will be replenished by the addition of the State's portion of the year's taxes, which is estimated to amount to \$1,000,000.

Up to yesterday the general fund, according to the books of the Controller's office, was \$1,000,000. The total amount of outstanding warrants has been issued since the beginning of the year, and all year, and all year, and including the number of 1,888 on the general fund, are now payable, as there is some \$500,000 left in the fund for that purpose.

The exhausted fund has not discommodated the State, and the State Treasurer has been paying the warrants, the understanding being that the State's portion of the year's taxes would be received by the State Treasurer, and the fund would be replenished. If this had not been the case, the State would have had to go without their salaries until January.

Game Propagation and Protection.

At the recent meeting of the State Board of Fish Commissioners in San Francisco, letters from Chicago, Wichita, Kansas, and Oklahoma, offering to furnish Bob White quails were read, and prices varied from \$2.50 to \$4 per dozen. The Board decided to wait further offers before taking action.

The matter of appointing deputies in various parts of the State, whose especial interest should be the enforcement of the game laws, was discussed. The Commission had no means at command to pay such appointees, but if the Chief of Park desired, as he was called from place to place to select proper men for appointment as deputies, there could be no objection, and the State Board of Fish Commissioners was willing to lend all assistance possible.

Death Won't Run the Race.

Last night's dispatches from Washington brought the information that among the pensions issued yesterday to veterans of the war was that of John F. Fuller, of this city. Mr. Fuller died on Saturday last.

PEARL'S SOAP secures a beautiful complexion.

FREE LECTURE.—Mrs. Mary C. Marshall, lecturer from Chicago, Wichita, Kansas, and Oklahoma, offering to furnish Bob White quails were read, and prices varied from \$2.50 to \$4 per dozen. The Board decided to wait further offers before taking action.

Birth, death, and marriage notices must be sent in by responsible parties, and paid for at the rate of 25 cents each; funeral notices, 25 cents.

MARRIED.

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BRIEF NOTES.

Officer Higgins, who has been "under the weather" for the past week, returned to duty at the police station last evening.

A fifteen-year-old lad named Walter Farnen has been charged by N. S. Wein with the theft of some pistols from his place on K street.

On account of the unsettled state of the weather the meeting of the California Museum Association for this evening is postponed until another night.

William Foote and George Egan are desirous of being appointed by Sheriff McMullen to the position of Jailor, made vacant by the death of William W. Fuller.

Early mass was interrupted at the Cathedral Sunday morning by some workmen, who, in repairing a leak in the dome, knocked in a pane of glass from the skylight.

Lizzie Lamb and Jane Martin, two fallen women, who engaged in a rough and tumble fight on Second street early yesterday morning, were fined \$5 each in the Police Court.

Ed. Rand, the chronic drunk, who puts in his appearance as regularly in the Police Court as does the gas collector at the consumer's residence, was there again yesterday, and Judge Buckley gave him two weeks in the County Jail.

The pine tree nearest the Tenth and L street entrance to the Capitol Park—and which was uprooted by a gale two years ago—was again laid flat yesterday morning. This time no effort was made to save it, and it was chopped up.

Capitol Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F., has elected officers as follows: N. G. P. H. Dodge, V. G. E. C. Chapman; Recording Secretary, W. A. Stephenson; Permanent Secretary, B. Vandenberg; Treasurer, R. Davis; Trustee, Albert Hart.

The gentlemen of the Reception Committee of the fair to be held in aid of the Sisters of Mercy at the Tenth and L street entrance to the Capitol Park—and which was uprooted by a gale two years ago—was again laid flat yesterday morning. This time no effort was made to save it, and it was chopped up.

The police officer Harris, who was recently suspended from the force, has asked the Police Commissioners for an order for the \$250 which he gave to officer Harvey, and which the latter, believing it was his, had honestly obtained, placed in the City Prison safe.

Two of the prominent members of the Milton Nob

